

FEBRUARY 8, 1837.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. CAMBRELENG, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported the following bill :

A BILL

To authorize merchandise to be deposited in the public stores, and for other purposes :

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That,*
3 from and after the passage of this act, all goods, wares, and mer-
4 chandise, imported into the United States, may, at the option of
5 the importer, be entered, and the duties thereon secured, or be
6 deposited, at the expense and risk of the importer, in such pub-
7 lic or other stores as may be agreed upon between the importer
8 and the collector or officer of inspection of the revenue for the
9 port where said goods, wares, and merchandise may be landed ;
10 and it shall be the duty of the collector or officer in all cases
11 where goods, wares, or merchandise are so deposited, to take the
12 bond of the importer for double the amount of the duties there-
13 on, payable in twelve months from the date of importation ; and
14 such goods, wares, or merchandise shall be kept under the joint
15 locks of the inspector and the importer ; but no delivery shall
16 be made of such goods, wares, or merchandise, without a per-

17 mit in writing under the hand of the collector and naval officer
18 of the port.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be lawful
2 for the importer or his assignee to withdraw, at any time, any
3 portion of goods, wares, or merchandise deposited as aforesaid,
4 upon giving bonds payable at three and six months from the
5 date of said withdrawal, with one or more surety or sureties, to
6 the satisfaction of the collector, for double the amount of duties
7 upon the goods, wares, or merchandise in each case to be deli-
8 vered; and the amount of each bond taken for the duties on
9 goods, wares, or merchandise so withdrawn, shall be endorsed
10 on the original bond given by the importer, specifying the mer-
11 chandise delivered and the date of the delivery: *Provided,* That
12 the duties on all wool, manufactures of wool, or of which wool is
13 a component part, shall be paid in cash, without discount, within
14 the term of twelve months as aforesaid, at the time the same
15 may be withdrawn from the public stores, and without interest
16 upon the duty from the date of importation.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, if the duties on any
2 goods, wares, or merchandise deposited under the provisions of
3 this act, or which shall remain unclaimed in the public stores,
4 shall not have been paid, or secured to be paid, in the manner
5 aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the collector, at the expiration
6 of twelve months from the date of importation, to cause so much
7 of such goods, wares, or merchandise as may be necessary, to be

8 sold at public auction, and, retaining the sum required for the
9 payment of the duties which have not been secured or paid,
10 together with the expenses of safe keeping and sale of such goods,
11 wares, or merchandise, shall return the overplus, if any, to the
12 owner or to his agent or lawful representative.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That, if any goods, wares,
2 or merchandise, deposited under the provisions of this act, shall
3 be embezzled, or fraudulently secreted or removed from any
4 store or place wherein the same shall have been deposited, it
5 shall be forfeited, and the person or persons so embezzling,
6 secreting, or removing the same, or aiding or assisting therein,
7 shall be liable to the same pains and penalties as if such goods,
8 wares, or merchandise had been fraudulently landed without
9 payment of duty,

1 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That all goods, wares,
2 and merchandise deposited under the provisions of this act, may
3 be transported from the public warehouses, or such stores as
4 may be occupied for public use, in one district, to those in an-
5 other district, under such regulations as the Secretary of the
6 Treasury may prescribe.

1 SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the
2 fourth section of the act of the twentieth of April, eighteen
3 hundred and eighteen, providing for the deposite of wines and
4 distilled spirits, as requires that wines and spirits shall not be
5 entitled to drawback, unless such wines and spirits shall have

6 been deposited and shall remain in public or other stores in the
7 same manner as is required by this act, and that the fifth section
8 of "An act to regulate the duties on certain wines," approved
9 the third of March, eighteen hundred and nineteen, authorizing
10 the transportation coastwise without the loss of debenture, be,
11 and the same are hereby, continued.

1 SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That no duties shall be
2 charged upon any merchandise deposited in the public stores,
3 under the provisions of this act, in case the same shall be de-
4 stroyed by fire or flood while in the custody of Government.

1 SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That debenture shall be
2 allowed on any quantity of goods, wares, or merchandise ex-
3 ported for the benefit of drawback: *Provided*, That the duty
4 on the same shall not be less than ten dollars,

1 SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the
2 Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to make such rules
3 and regulations as may be necessary to carry this act into effect;
4 that the provisions of this act shall be applied to all goods, wares,
5 or merchandise now in the public warehouses; and that all acts
6 or parts of acts contrary to the provisions of this act, be, and the
7 same are hereby, repealed.